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UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE MOTION FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSES TO NDMS INTERROGATORIES

(November 14, 1997)

Today, the Postal Service filed the responses to some of the interrogatories directed by NDMS to witness Sharon Daniel on November 5, 1997, in relation to her supplemental testimony, USPS-ST-43. The answers were due to have been filed on November 12, 1997. Witness Daniel was on official travel from November 2-9, 1997. She began work on the interrogatories immediately upon her return to Headquarters on November 10, 1997. Under the circumstances, the Postal Service moves that the responses filed today be accepted two days late. The remaining responses, some of which will be redirected to the Postal Service for response, are expected to be filed early next week. As responses are filed, facsimile copies will be transmitted to counsel for NDMS to mitigate any prejudice caused by this delay.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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